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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Jörg HEIN et al.

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For: Connecting Element for Hollow Sections of
Different Cross-SectionRECEIVED
U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
MARCH 2003**BOX: PATENT APPLICATION**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to the issuance of a first Office Action and simultaneously with the filing of the present application, please amend said application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 2, insert -BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION-

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